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Linda Fishman became Senior Vice President of Public Policy Analysis and Development at the American Hospital Association (AHA) in July 2008. Ms. Fishman first joined the AHA in October 2006 as Vice President of Legislative Affairs.

Prior to coming to the AHA, Ms. Fishman served as Director of the Office of Legislation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for more than 18 months, reporting to Administrator Mark McClellan. In this capacity she directed an office of 50 legislative and policy professionals in the strategic planning, evaluation, analysis and coordination of health care policy, including implementation of the Medicare drug benefit, and was principal advisor to senior administration officials in the Department of Health and Human Services and the White House on legislative matters and Congressional relations.

Ms. Fishman has broad and deep experience working in both the executive and legislative branches of the Federal government, including staff leadership positions for the Senate Finance and the House Ways and Means Committees, and as Senior Policy Advisor to CMS Administrator Tom Scully. Ms. Fishman was a key contributor to four major pieces of Medicare and Medicaid legislation: the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 when she was chief health aide to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, and the Balanced Budget Refinement Act (BBRA) of 1999 and the Medicare, Medicaid, and S-CHIP Benefits and Improvement and Protection Act (BIPA) of 2000 when she served as professional staff to Ways and Means Health Subcommittee Chairman Bill Thomas.

Ms. Fishman was a senior advisor at Hogan & Hartson, L.L.P., and prior to her government service, spent many years at the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) representing teaching hospitals in an advocacy role.

Ms. Fishman holds BA and MBA degrees from the University of Washington and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa.